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                     Serial No.  10/180,536
                     Filed:  June 27, 2002
                     Group Art Unit: 2881
                     Examiner:  E. Gill

For:  METHOD OF PREVENTING CHARGING, AND APPARATUS
      FOR CHARGED PARTICLE BEAM USING THE SAME


## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

     In accordance with the duty of disclosure, the applicants

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     The above-referenced application is a continuation

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     The Applicant requests the Examiner to initial and return

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